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**§ 3301. Definitions**

For purposes of this chapter—

**(1) Natural gas**

The term “natural gas” means either natural gas unmixed, or any mixture of natural and artificial gas.

**(2) Well**

The term “well” means any well for the discovery or production of natural gas, crude oil, or both.

**(3) New well**

The term “new well” means any well—

- (A) the surface drilling of which began on or after February 19, 1977; or